

Visiting scholar Michael Rodda will be working on a biography of David Peikoff and collecting data on deaf Malaysian students during his year at Gallaudet.

International visiting scholar begins year at Gallaudet

Canadian professor and author Michael Rodda recently arrived at Gallaudet to begin a year of research as this year's international visiting scholar.

His work could result in improved education for deaf children in Malaysia and also in a biography of Gallaudet alumnus and former employee David Peikoff, who attended the Manitoba School for the Deaf.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the Gallaudet Research Institute (GRI) has hosted a distinguished international visiting scholar.

Rodda is a professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He is also the author of several books, including *The Hearing Impaired School Leaver* and, with C. Grove, *Language, Cognition, and Deafness*.

While at Gallaudet, Rodda will work closely with demographers in the GRI's Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies (CADS) on a project to collect demographic data on hearing impaired students in Malaysian schools

for deaf students. The project stems from a program originally started by the YMCA branches in Alberta and Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, to develop programs for deaf adolescents and young adults.

As part of the University of Alberta's role in the project, Rodda expects to travel to Malaysia during the summer to collect data, using surveys similar to those used by CADS in its *Annual Survey of Hearing Impaired Children and Youth*. This data may help the Malaysian government in reviewing and assessing the educational needs of deaf children there.

Rodda will also be working on a biography of David Peikoff, who is well known in Canada. "He played a significant role in promoting equality of opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing Canadians," said Rodda. In 1987, the Chair of Deafness Studies at the University of Alberta (similar to Gallaudet's Powrie V. Doctor Chair of Deaf Studies) was named in Peikoff's honor.

"Coming to Gallaudet provides an

Gallaudet athletes contribute to U.S. team's success at World Games

The United States came out on top at the Sixteenth Summer World Games for the Deaf, held in Christchurch, New Zealand, Jan. 7-17, netting 66 medals, according to an unofficial count.

The 45 athletes fielded by Gallaudet brought home 25 percent of the United States' medals, according to Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, an assistant professor in the Department of Business Administration.

The World Games drew 1,700 of the world's top deaf athletes from 32 countries, vying for gold medals in 13 sporting events.

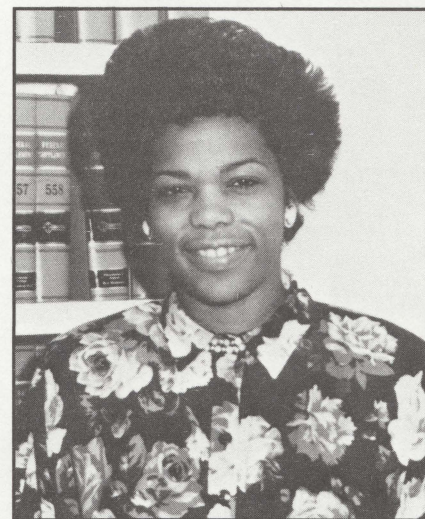
Sutcliffe, who served as vice chairman for the games, said that although Gallaudet's record in track events

slipped from the 1985 games, he was "definitely pleased" with its performance, especially in basketball, volleyball, and team handball, a sport that has been played for decades but that the United States entered for the first time. The U.S. team—primarily Gallaudet players—won the bronze medal for team handball.

The presence of Gallaudet President King Jordan, who watched the games from Jan 5-12, made a difference in the University's performance, Sutcliffe said. "The athletes were very thrilled when he showed up."

According to the unofficial reports, the United States walked away with 19

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Elaine Jones will kick off Black History Month at Gallaudet with a Feb. 1 lecture.

Gallaudet to celebrate Black History Month

Gallaudet will celebrate Black History Month in February with a variety of programs and activities. The theme of the month is "Gallaudet University Celebrates Black History Month: Empowering Our Community Through the Black Experience."

The month will begin with a keynote address on Feb. 1 by attorney Elaine Jones, assistant council and manager of the Legal Defense Fund, Washington, D.C., bureau, and executive director of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Jones will speak at 10:30 a.m. in Elstad Auditorium. A reception will follow in "Ole Jim" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

In addition, other speakers, workshops, video presentations, movies, storytelling, mime, humor, and interpreted songs will highlight the contributions of black deaf individuals.

For more information, call Leah Cox, committee chairwoman, x5270.

Silverstein speaks about legislation

The recently adjourned 100th U.S. Congress was a red-letter session for people with disabilities because of the number of important bills passed into law that can improve the quality of their lives.

Laws requiring all federal agencies to provide TDD access to deaf people and extending the Fair Housing Act to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities were two major pieces of legislation that had a particular impact on deaf people.

Looking ahead to the 101st Congress, other legislation that will affect disabled people is anticipated. And there are ways that the deaf communi-

ty can work to ensure that the bills are passed, the Gallaudet community learned at a Jan. 11 talk by Robert Silverstein, staff director for the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on the Handicapped.

Silverstein was the featured speaker at the weekly Empowerment Series, sponsored by the National Academy's Professional and Community Training Program.

One important bill that will be reviewed by the next Congress is the Americans with Disabilities Act, which seeks to make it illegal for an employer not to hire a person on the basis of dis-

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opportunity for me to use original source material from the Gallaudet archives as well as from the Peikoff family," Rodda said.

Another area of special interest to Rodda is cognitive psychology, specifically language development and communication. He hopes to share his views on these topics with the Gallaudet community through small group discussions and both formal and informal lectures, upon request.

According to Rodda, his controversial opinions about ASL and its place in the education of deaf students, and his extensive knowledge of research in the field tend to generate interest even in those who oppose his point of view expressed with a bluntness that he blames on his Yorkshire heritage. "I believe that the language of instruction in schools and classes for deaf children should be ASL," he said. He noted that in Canada, the formal language of instruction in programs for deaf children is a form of signed English.

Rodda holds a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Durham in England and recently had a scholarship named in his honor by the Alberta Association of the Deaf.

He said that although he is respected by the deaf community in Canada, his sign language skills are "abysmal and continue to be an embarrassment to my deaf colleagues and friends. So one of my primary goals while at Gallaudet is to improve my signing both through formal classes and through interaction with deaf people on and off campus. The most unique thing about Gallaudet is its deaf cultural environment. I decided it was time I came to 'Mecca.'"

Rodda's office is in Fay House, Room 301, and he can be called at x5253. He and his wife, June, will live on campus during his year as the GRI's international visiting scholar.

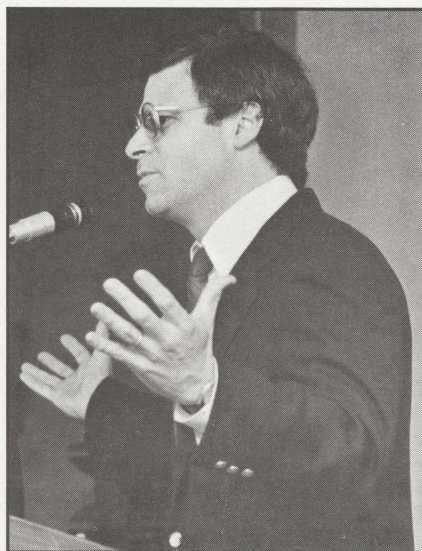
Speaker urges community effort

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ability. "This legislation is overdue, and extremely important," Silverstein said. "But I can't say what opposition lies ahead. Just because it's right doesn't mean it will happen—that's not the way it works." Silverstein repeatedly stressed the importance of a community having a strategy to help influence their senators and representatives to support a bill.

"The strength of the community together is truly impressive," said Silverstein. "When you deal with Congress, if you have the strength of the community of people with disabilities behind you, you have an 'in.'"

"You have to get in and see your senator or member of Congress. I can't tell you how significant that is," he said. "Share your experiences. Tell about the communication barriers and the discrimination. If you find that you are 'shot down' after leaving Gallaudet when you have trained to be productive, it will have an impact because



Robert Silverstein, at a recent campus lecture, encourages people to get involved in promoting legislation.

they will have a personal understanding as to what [discrimination] is all about."

Silverstein also encouraged deaf people to get their members of Congress to visit the Gallaudet campus.

Announcements

Gallaudet staff, faculty, and students who are parents of young children are invited to a brown bag lunch/discussion on discipline on Thursday, Feb. 2, 12:15-1 p.m., in the Ely Art/Exhibit Room. Parents-to-be are also welcome. For more information, call Eileen McCartin, x5550.

The "Hear No Evil" episode of the new "A Man Called Hawk" TV series, which was filmed at Gallaudet in December, will air on Saturday, Feb. 11, at 9 p.m. on ABC Channels 7 and 13. The episode features former MSSD and Gallaudet student William Byrd, students Cathy Lushman and Alice Gregory, the Gallaudet Dance Company, and approximately 20 other students who were hired as extras.

Gina Oliva, director of the Aerobic Fitness Training Institute of the Deaf, needs deaf and hard of hearing volunteers to participate in aerobics classes in Laurel and Seabrook and to test a new light signal system for a circuit weight

training center at the Bowie YMCA. The aerobics classes will be free to volunteers and the circuit weight training will cost \$10 for approximately 2 hours. If interested, call Gina Oliva at 490-8397 (TDD).

The Gallaudet University Center on Deafness at Kapiolani Community College in Honolulu, Hawaii, is sponsoring an Elderhostel from March 12-18 called "Mo'olelo Hawaii: The Story of Hawaii as Told by Her Museums—For Deaf Elderhostelers." The program is open to deaf people over 60 and spouses or friends over 50. The week costs \$285 per person including registration, room and board, tuition, materials, and field trips. For more information, call the Gallaudet University Center on Deafness in Hawaii at (808) 734-9210 (V/TDD).

The Jewish Students Association (JSA) is sponsoring Israeli dancing on the second and fourth Mondays of every month from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Dance Studio. The next dances will occur on Feb. 13 and 27. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2.50 for non-students. For more information, call Terry Bittker, JSA Adviser, x5102.

U.S. wins 66 medals at games

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gold, 28 silver, and 19 bronze medals. The U.S.S.R. trailed with about 55 medals, and West Germany came in third with an estimated 42 medals.

Two athletes who brought high honors to Gallaudet were gold medal winners Charles Hammack (wrestling, free style) and Marvice Pack (track, 400-meter relay). Pack also picked up a silver medal in the 100-meter race and a bronze in the 200-meter.

Other silver medalists were Eric Roberts (track, 110-meter hurdles), Robbie Carmichael (tennis, mixed doubles), Chris Von Garrel (wrestling, free style), and Kurt Korvonen (wrestling). Bronze medal winners were Toselli Silvestri (wrestling), Olivia Schnoor (tennis, doubles and mixed doubles), Eric Woods (wrestling, free style), and Eric

Roberts (track, 400-meter relay).

In team sports, Gallaudet athletes were instrumental in netting gold medals in men's and women's basketball, silver medals in women's volleyball, and bronze medals in team handball.

The next Summer World Games for the Deaf have been set for Sofia, Bulgaria, in 1993, and Gallaudet plans to put together a team for that competition as well, Sutcliffe said.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-19B. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. The deadline for submitting advertisements is Friday, 10 days before the desired publication. Ads received by Friday, Feb. 3, will appear in the Feb. 13 issue.

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Senate discusses merit increases

Gallaudet's Faculty Senate accepted at its Jan. 23 meeting a clarification of the Faculty Guidelines pointing out that faculty members are permitted to receive annual merit increases. Faculty may also receive merit increases in addition to promotions or the granting of tenure.

The action came following a study by Committee A (Faculty Welfare) in response to past concerns by some faculty, administrators, and department chairpeople that the guidelines forbid these actions.

Acting Provost Ann Davidson told the senate that although granting merit increases to faculty may be in accordance with the Faculty Guidelines in theory, that in practice it would probably not take place, at least until President King Jordan reviews an anticipated revision of the evaluation policy by Committee A.

Senate Vice Chairman William Marshall argued that the senate's step to clarify the guidelines would "leave the door open for a [department] chair or dean to argue for [favorable personnel actions] in the future." In other actions, the senate discussed several faculty bylaws revisions related to the Council of Preparatory Studies and the Council on Graduate Education.

The senate also heard a report on the Council on Graduate Education's curriculum approvals, which includes a masters of social work degree program from the Department of Sociology and Social Work.



Members of the EPOC staff recognize senior EPOC coordinator Mary Gawlik (fourth from left) for her 10 years of service. Presenting the award is Anne Nissen, EPOC director.

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